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Complete Streets Funding Awarded to Framingham for Continued Implementation of Non-Vehicular Transportation and Recreational Opportunities!!

Framingham, MA - Framingham is excited to announce the MassDOT Complete Streets funding of the Phase Two: Dudley – Mt. Wayte Corridor Bicycle & Pedestrian Project. On September 29, 2017, MassDOT awarded Framingham along with 21 other Massachusetts communities with a maximum of \$400,000 grants for the implementation of pedestrian, bicycle, and non-vehicular transportation to create safer roadways and transportation options for all users. Framingham requested and received \$396,116 for the implementation of the second phase of the bicycle and pedestrian improvements on Dudley – Mt. Wayte Corridor.

Phase Two continues to build upon the success of Phase One. Phase One improvements extends approximately 1,000ft along the eastern edge of Dudley Road. Phase Two, which will be covered by the awarded funds, will start at the intersection of Dr. Harvey Cushing Way and Dudley Road and will continue north towards Mt. Wayte Avenue. The project will then include the creation of an on-street dedicated bicycle lane, which will extend to Union Ave.

History of Complete Streets in Framingham: Incorporation of Complete Street concepts into the Framingham Master Land Use Plan (2012/2014) and the Open Space & Recreation Plan (2013). In January of 2015, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve Framingham's first Bicycle and Pedestrian Complete Streets Policy (Policy). Following the approval of the Policy, Annual Town Meeting (2015) voted to allow Framingham to become a Complete Streets community. Upon authorization of becoming a Complete Streets community, municipal staff organized and developed the bicycle and pedestrian prioritization list (2016) and Framingham's first Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (2017).



Framingham accepting MassDOT Complete Street funding for the Phase One. Dudley – Mt. Wayte Corridor in 2016



Framingham accepting MassDOT Complete Street funding for the Phase Phase: Dudley – Mt. Wayte Corridor on September 29, 2017

In 2016, Framingham was awarded \$400,000 in the first round of MassDOT's Complete Streets funding for Phase One, which was completed in July of 2017.

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The implementation of complete streets in Framingham is a collaborative effort by many different divisions of municipal government and members of the community. Contributors to the success of Framingham and the Complete Streets program include the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Division of Community & Economic Development, the Conservation Commission, the Department of Public Works, the Parks & Recreation Department, the Planning Board, and members of the Framingham community.

Municipal staff and its collaborators hopes that everyone enjoys the implementation of complete streets in Framingham!!! Visit <a href="www.framinghamma.gov/bikeped">www.framinghamma.gov/bikeped</a> to learn more about Framingham's complete street implementation and funding success.

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